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The Honorable Bruce Duke
Executive Director
South Carolina Public Service Commission
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Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Joint Application of BSE, Inc. And BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. For
Approval of Merger
Docket No. 2004-0045-C, *Our File No. 611-10116*

Dear Mr. Duke:

By copy of this letter, AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC
("AT&T") hereby withdraws its intervention in the above-referenced docket. Please let me know
if any other matters need attending to with regard to this request.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this document by file-stamping the copy of this
letter enclosed, and returning it in the envelope provided.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

/S/

John J. Pringle, Jr.

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cc: Ms. Margaret Plasman [via electronic mail]
all parties of record

Enclosures

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**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2004-0045-C**

IN RE:

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for Approval of Merger

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day, one (1) copy of the May 6, 2004 letter to the Honorable Bruce Duke by placing a copy of same in the care and custody of the United States Postal Service (unless otherwise specified), with proper first-class postage affixed hereto and addressed as follows:

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